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Examiner: Joshua L. PRITCHETT

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For: APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR APPLYING OPTICAL GRADIENT FORCES

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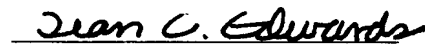
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